

Dr. Butler Talking Points

- Good afternoon and thank you for letting me speak today.
- My name is Dr. Karyn L. Butler, and I am Hartford Hospital's Director of Surgical Critical Care, the Associate Director of Surgery and Program Director of Critical Care Fellowship.
- I am also an Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Connecticut.
- I am the recipient of a 5-year N.I.H. Trauma Research Fellow and a current recipient of a 2-year American Heart Association grant.
- The focus of my work for the past 15 years has been [NAME], discovering the affects on and the treatments of the heart after it has undergone a sudden change in blood flow, such as when someone has a heart attack.
- My research and work has been published in places such as the *US News and World Report* and numerous medical journals.
- It is a special honor to be here today as the potential partnership being discussed could have a tremendous impact not only on my research and me, but also on the thousands of bright minds who will follow me.
- I am a relatively new resident of Connecticut, as I was recruited here from the University of Cincinnati in 2008.
- I was brought here to help grow the division of critical care for Hartford Hospital and to grow its clinical research and science staff and programs.
- Working in a place as qualified and unique as Hartford Hospital makes the recruitment of new researchers and clinical experts easier, however, it is still extremely hard to find clinicians and researchers able to do the work we need.
- What makes it especially difficult is finding those Doctors who can do translational research. In other words, those brilliant minds that can make a discovery in the lab and also understand how it is would be effective at the bedside.
- There are very few people in this world who have the training and ability to combine these unique talents and expertise. And every research institution in the world is looking for them.

- By combining Hartford and UCONN, we would create a tier-one, nonprofit, 1,100 bed teaching and research medical institution. Transforming our medical school from one of the smallest teaching institutions in the nation to one of the largest.
- With it will come one of the most important elements of the University Hospital partnership: the addition of tens of millions of dollars in research grants.
- It has been estimated that it could triple UConn's existing funding.
- This is a critical element to attracting the brilliant minds we seek.
- By attracting and retaining world's best doctors and staff to the University Hospital and other hospitals in the region, we would be able to further the creation of regional bio-medical hub fueled by innovation and driven by the next generation of researchers and clinicians.
- The partnership that is before you is not simply about fixing a financial problem at Dempsey, the vision is far greater than that.
- This partnership has the capacity to transform our city and state and place it among the elite bio-medical regions in the country.
- I was brought here to help further the mission of Hartford Hospital in serving the people of Connecticut as best we possibly can. This partnership would bring our work to the next level.
- It would also set the stage for the next generation. It would send a very powerful signal to the entire clinical, research and educational community, especially the next great surgeons and researchers we all so desperately need.
- I thank you for your time.

Thank you,

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